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REVERSE-MICELLAR DELIVERY SYSTEM
FOR CONTROLLED TRANSPORTATION AND
ENHANCED ABSORPTION OF AGENTS

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Prior to the initial examination of the above identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 2 continuing to page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 29 to read as follows:

Medium chain glycerides (MCGs) have been reported to enhance the intestinal absorption of hydrophilic drugs. For example Beskid et al. (Chemotherapy, 34, 77, 1988) reported that a formulation incorporating a mixture of glyceryl mono- and di-caprylate enhanced the absorption of an antibiotic from the intestinal tract of rats. Mixtures of medium chain glycerides with medium chain length fatty acids (C₈ – C₁₂) have also been reported (see for example Muranushi et al. Chem. Phys. Lipids 28, 269, 1981).

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 to read as follows:

The use of anionic surfactants in solid pharmaceutical compositions is also known. Until recently, however, the presence of such surfactants was designed to facilitate fast and total release of the medicament from the composition.